

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 19, 2016

#1....THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Vice Mayor Rickey Williams Jr., Aldermen Brenda Brown, Jon Cooper, R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, Steve Nichols, Michael O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, Michael Puhr, Lloyd Randle, Tom Stone and Rick Strebing. Absent were Aldermen Steve Foster and Sharon McMahon. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: Assistant Corporation Counsel Bethany Nystrom, City Clerk Lisa Monson, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Planning & Urban Services Manager Christopher Milliken, Planner I Liila Bagby, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Director Doug Ahrens, and Urban Services Director David Schnelle.

There were also 20 audience members and 2 news media in attendance.

Prior to the invocation Mayor Eisenhauer asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Tom Gulick, long time business owner in the community and of Leon "Bud" Miller, who often attended the City Council meetings, and asked that everyone keep their families in thoughts and prayers.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend U. Pete Williams, Pastor of Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, followed by

#3....THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Pickering.

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, July 5, 2016, having been published and distributed, was presented. Alderman Randle moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. On the voice vote, the motion so ordered.

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Mayor Eisenhauer removed Item 6-B-2 to reappoint Maggie Hoover to the Danville Public Library Board and Item 12-A City Clerk's Report. There being no further changes, Alderman Brown moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Stone. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6....MAYOR'S REPORT

#6-A..Proclamations

Mayor Eisenhauer presented a Proclamation proclaiming July 20, 2016 as "LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY". Alderman Strebing moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Brown. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6-B..Board/Committee Appointments

Mayor Eisenhauer announced the reappointments of Alberto Bello, term to expire 07/31/19, and Dwight Lucas II, term to expire 07/31/19, to the Danville Public Library Board. Alderman Stone moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6-C..Reports of Boards, Agencies, Commissions

Administrator Finch thanked everyone for their support of another successful Community Day which took place Sunday, July 10th at Lincoln Park.

#6-D..Items of Information

- Mayor Eisenhauer wished Alderman Strebing a “Happy Birthday” who will be celebrating a birthday on Friday.
- Mayor Eisenhauer announced there will be a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day luncheon tomorrow at Turtle Run Banquet Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and thanked the following sponsors: McDonald’s, Sunset Funeral Home, Trigard, Elks #332, Joe Vincent and Rawhide Meat. He also thanked the Danville Chapter of the NAACP for serving as one of the hosts for the event.
- The Dustbowl basketball tournament is taking place this week for youths and adults at the David S. Palmer Arena.
- Mayor Eisenhauer announced he is accepting letters of interest from Aldermen to serve as a City representative on the Vermilion County Land Bank Authority Board.
- Administrator Finch was thanked for all of her work for another successful Community Day as well as the volunteers who helped at the event.
- Mayor Eisenhauer thanked everyone for volunteering at the Balloons Over Vermilion event. It was a tremendous success.

#7...PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Kathy Christensen of Danville voiced concern of neighborhood crime and requested the temporary curfew changes be changed permanently. She voiced appreciation to the Council members for their support of her concerns voiced at a June Council meeting.
- Greg Thatcher of Danville spoke concern of necessary demolitions in the 400 block of Oak Street and stated he has to clean debris in the streets and is concerned that dilapidated houses are causing health issues within the neighborhood.
- Terry Lake of Danville spoke concern of the need for demolitions in the 400 block of Oak Street and debris falling from the dilapidated homes in the nine lots he is mowing near his home.
- Mark Croy of Danville voiced concern of the impact of dilapidated structures in the 400 block of Oak Street, especially 413 and 415 Oak Street, and stated it is questionable for him to obtain a home improvement loan due to a low appraised value of his home.
- Carolyn Wands of Danville thanked the Danville Police and Danville Fire Divisions as being first responders in the Community and asked that everyone thank them when they see them out in the City. She also voiced concern with homes in the 400 block of Oak Street and stated there are eight to nine homes on that single block that need to be demolished. The smell is very bad when on the sidewalk and the garbage is piled up, the grass needs mowed, and the windows are out. She stated West Downtown is not the only neighborhood area that needs help but she stated people have to go through the West Downtown area to get to the downtown area and the proposed Riverfront Project is across the street from West Downtown.
- Vince Koers of Danville spoke concern of the signage regulations with increase in monument signs as they are built close to the ground and his chagrin is they are blocking the ability of motorist to see traffic coming, especially the Trillium sign on Madison Street. He feels the signs need to have better setback that will eliminate problems with the drivers.

- Ed Butler of Danville and President of the Danville NAACP, thanked Mayor Eisenhauer, Director Thomason, Pastor McCullough, BoBo Smalls, Aldermen McMahon and O’Kane for being a part of the Peace Marches and wished more Aldermen would march as the impact is helping Danville as a whole of making awareness. He also thanked Alderman Randle for the water drive on behalf of Mt. Olive basketball league and stated leftover water will be donated to the youth football league. He feels Aldermen need to get to know the constituents in their Ward.
- Gladys Fisher of Danville voiced concerns of tenant rights with their landlords and condition of their properties. She has been a resident for 12 years and has lived in public housing at Fair Oaks. She questioned why it is more comfortable to live in public housing versus a residential setting housing. She stated tenants are being intimidated by the landlords and threatened. It is not fair that the City knows what is going on with these landlords and nothing is being done. This is ongoing, how do we fight back. She lived at 1905 Griggs and had mice infestation and is tired of living substandard. Landlords are not responsible for anything but to collect rent.

After audience comments Mayor Eisenhauer stated the Administration and Council will be discussing next month how to do demolitions as well as how to pay for them and hopes the audience members concerned about the 400 block of Oak Street will come back next month and support the Administration’s proposal for demolitions.

#8...ZONING PETITIONS

#8-A...Mayor Eisenhauer presented Zoning Petition #250, ORDINANCE NO. 9059, amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map to Approve Rezoning the property directly east of the property commonly known as 1015 Maple Street be rezoned from AG to I1 Light Industrial for Petitioner Time-O-Matic, dba Watchfire Signs to allow for the construction of additional parking lots. After hearing testimony during two Public Hearings on June 2, 2016 and July 7, 2016, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted 4 to 1 with 4 absent to recommend approval. Alderman Strebing moved to concur with the recommendation and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Cooper. The Planning and Zoning Commission concurred subject to the following conditions: a permanent 60 ft wide underdeveloped landscaped bufferyard be maintained along the entirety of the East and South property line of the subject property. Bufferyard shall include a combination of fences, berming or vegetation that will function as a permanent screen and must reach a height of 12 feet within 5 years and a mature height of at least 16 feet, with the specifics of the screening proposed to be reviewed and approved by the City prior to construction and placement. Dustin Heiser, Facilities Supervisor with Watchfire Signs, Petitioner, handed out an aerial map of the proposed parking lot expansion that indicated where the small and large trees will be located for the bufferyard as well as pictures of the various types of trees that will be planted. Alderman Randle requested an explanation of the buffer to make us feel confident of what you’re going to install will eliminate the lighting and the noise which is what some of the residents were complaining about. Mr. Heiser stated a lot of the residents have concerns because we are going to put a parking lot where there is a grassy field and a tree line. We do have to put in screening requirements. It will be light industrial right next to residential. There will be species of trees that grow 1 to 2 feet per year within several years that will block any light pole that we are going to install on the parking lot and ordinance governs how high we can install a light fixture based on its light spread. Mr. Heiser stated also the sketch up (aerial) shows the large trees and small trees which are also dictated by ordinance and with an even spacing. He has met with residents on Crystal Drive. They all grow to 20 foot diameter and the spacing on those is 25 feet so that should do a very good job of blocking the view of the parking lot and the facility once we cut into the tree line. Alderman Duncheon questioned if the I1 Light Industrial does not include any noise or manufacturing

in the affected area and Mr. Heiser responded the affected area is for extra parking only. Manager Milliken stated concerns from the Planning and Zoning Commission were future plans for the area and that is why there are stipulations for the berming and bufferyard. Alderman Brown asked if the parking lot is for customers or employees and Mr. Heiser stated it is for employees. Alderman Stone questioned the LaSalle Case criteria and Manager Milliken responded it was legal case established in the Chicago area insinuating these criteria need to be met in order for rezoning to be approved so in our findings of fact the Planning and Zoning Commission approves we are insinuating based on this case these criteria have been met so this would be a legal rezoning of this property. Alderman Stone asked if it is a mandatory finding that you have to make and Manager Milliken stated "yes, that is correct." There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Brown, Duncheon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering

Nays: Alderman Davis

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 11 to 1 with 2 absent.

#8-B...Mayor Eisenhower presented Zoning Petition #251, ORDINANCE NO. 9060, amending Chapter 150, Article 7, Pertaining to Signage Regulations for the City of Danville to make various changes to the signage regulations, including adding regulations addressing abandoned signage, adding regulations for shopping center signage, and altering regulations to encourage monument style signage. After hearing testimony during a Public Hearing on July 7, 2016, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted 5 to 0 with 4 absent to recommend approval. Alderman Stone moved to concur with the recommendation and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Cooper. Vice Mayor Williams feels it is a good thing by addressing the abandoned signs, but is concerned of over regulating things to business owners. He is concerned of language in Table VII-1 Standards for Freestanding Signs. Alderman Stone requested a response to concerns made by audience member Mr. Koers. Manager Milliken referred to the visibility triangles by stating many of the changes addressed particular issues that have come up and concerning the monument signs there is a visibility triangle requirement, for not just signage, but also other objects at intersections and it is 20 or 30 feet set back from the property lines depending upon the locations. Any new signs proposed for placement are reviewed and permitted by the Urban Services Division and there is minimum setbacks from the property line that is either five foot or greater than that depending upon the underlying zoning district. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Brown, Duncheon, Stone, Williams, Pickering, O'Kane

Nays: Aldermen Strebing, Davis

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 10 to 2 with 2 absent.

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhower presented Payrolls for July 8, 2016, of \$572,940.70, for July 15, 2016, of \$81,338.54. Alderman Randle moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhauer presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for July 12, 2016, of \$543,132.52, and July 19, 2016 of \$766,259.03. Alderman Cooper moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Davis. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Puhr, Nichols, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-100 awarding Purchase of Upgraded Camera Systems (Hybrid Quest Edge-TU MDVR) and components for DMT Bus Fleet from Angeltrax in the amount of \$41,261.18 with funds in the amount of \$36,926.00 to come from Public Transportation Budget-Capital Fund and \$4,335.18 to come from Public Transportation Budget-Computer Service and Support Fund, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Cooper. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Nichols, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-B..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-101 approving Sale of Surplus Property, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Pickering. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Brown, Duncheon, Davis, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-C..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-102 extending and amending Agreement for Transit Services between DMT and CRIS Rural Mass Transit District, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Brown. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Duncheon, Davis, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-D..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-103 authorizing Application to KaBoom Play Everywhere Challenge, a national competition that will award outside-of-the-box ideas to make play easy, available and fun for kids and families, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for

approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. The City would like to pursue creation of creative crosswalks within the heart of the Community and will be known as the Jackson Street Art Walk. Vice Mayor Williams questioned what types of projects are eligible to be applied for under this grant and Ms. Bagby responded under this grant they want to see that ideas are being implemented in kinds of spaces that are not playground so something in a vacant lot such as a street or a sidewalk. Vice Mayor Williams stated he has received concerns about the condition of Garfield Park and why something cannot be done with the park and why funding would be used for creative sidewalks instead of the park. He asked for confirmation that KaBoom is not seeking playground applications at this time and Ms. Bagby responded "yes". Vice Mayor Williams strongly encourages the City to seek support for Garfield Park when grant funds become available. Mayor Eisenhower stated Garfield Park is scheduled for renovations next year. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Davis, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Brown, Duncheon

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster, McMahon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

After the roll call Mayor Eisenhower announced this evening's meeting will be the last City Council meeting for Ms. Bagby as she has tendered her resignation and the City is very grateful to her for the planning projects that she has put into place. He thanked her for her passion and dedication to the City and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

#11-E..Items of Information – None

[The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.]

#12...PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

#12-A..previously removed.

#12-B..Items of Information

Chairman Nichols announced the next Public Services Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. following the City/County Public Safety Building Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Alderman Strebing announced the fireworks event at the Gao Grotto on July 9th was a success and thanked the auxiliary police for their assistance during the event.
- Alderman Strebing announced there will be a fundraiser for the Humanitarian Fund that will take place July 29th at the Gao Grotto from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Humanitarian Fund goes to anybody from anyone who requests money from individuals in the Community with a need.
- Alderman Davis voiced concerns of what has been going on in the country in the streets with police officers which has affected him as a black person and is concerned with the ways it is being addressed. He feels "Black Lives Matter" is not good and hypocritical.
- Mayor Eisenhower reminded Aldermen there is a process for individuals to file their concerns as it relates to race and discrimination complaints.

- Vice Mayor Williams stated he agrees with some of the sentiments from Alderman Davis, but he disagrees with many of the things and said we need to be careful that we don't get caught up in any national narrative in one way or another and stated all lives matter and the "Black Lives Matter" movement is reminding folks that they want fairness too. He also spoke regarding comments made by audience members regarding Aldermen not answering phone calls and stated he does return phone calls and he has told individuals sometimes there is nothing more that he can do because it takes at least seven Aldermen and the Mayor or eight Aldermen for something to be accomplished. He stated if individuals in the City are dissatisfied with their elected officials they should start helping elect folks they feel would help them with what they want them to do and also pay attention to how the Aldermen vote. He feels the City should concentrate in one neighborhood at a time for demolitions.
- Alderman Brown stated she has only received one phone call from a constituent that she did not answer as she was out of town.
- Alderman Duncheon asked for more information regarding discussion on the demolition proposal from the Administration. Mayor Eisenhower explained there will be a proposal for demolition revenue there is limited money we have set aside in the CDBG fund, the limited money that the City receives from individuals who have insurance on a dilapidated structure that may catch on fire, and limited funds the City was able to receive from a Federal grant. Those funds are not nearly enough to cover the 400 structures that need to be demolished particularly when some of the structures are large or large institutional structures. The Administration has been working on identifying the structures so a number can be presented of what demolition needs to occur and identifying a revenue source that the Administration would like to implement in order to dedicate that funding specifically to demolition of structures. He would like to have a proposal at the August Public Works Committee meeting for both the demolition program and the revenues in order to make the program a reality.

#14... CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15... ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:16 p.m. following a motion by Vice Mayor Williams and a second by Alderman Pickering.



 Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

I, Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk of the City of Danville, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held July 19, 2016, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

 Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

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